(c) whether all the employees of AIR and Doordarshan would come under these new norms;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise in view of (a).

Guidelines for reality shows on TV channels

1945. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the reality shows being sponsored by almost all TV channels are on an increase;

(b) whether there is any regulatory authority to clear such programmes;

(c) whether any guidelines are given to jury for judging the performance of the artistes, not to scold any participant for his/her performance, if his/her performance is not found upto the mark of jury;

(d) whether Government has come across any case wherein a participant had become subject to scolding of judge(s) and had undergone depression causing loss of his/her speech; and

(e) if so, whether Government proposes to issue some guidelines for the jury in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) No such specific study has been brought to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Although the same has been reported in the media, no such specific complaint has been received. However, existing provision under Rule 6(1)(l) of the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994 prohibits the transmission of any programme that denigrates children.

Decency in television programmes

†1946. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has taken or proposes to take effective steps so that programmes on television channels are presented within the limits of decency; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA) : (a) to (b) All the broadcasters/Cable operators/other broadcasting

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